

Office of the Governor

March 10, 2010

Honorable Max Maxfield
Wyoming Secretary of State
State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Senate Enrolled Act No. 29

Dear Secretary Maxfield:

I have exercised my veto authority with regard to Senate Enrolled Act No. 29 being original Senate File No. 27. This bill relates to government competition.

This legislation was intended to provide Wyoming citizens a process to lodge concerns relating to state or local government entities unfairly competing with the private sector in providing commercial activities. The legislation would have required the Governor's Office to establish this process and be available to disseminate the information at anytime upon request. Moreover, the Governor's Office would have been required to provide an annual report to the legislature.

While addressing unfair competition within government is a laudable goal, I do not believe that it is necessary to create a new law for this limited purpose. It seems to me we are simply adding to the weight and size of government functions. While there is no current appropriation, this task will cost money. Perhaps my view is old school, but I trust that our constituents will let us know one way or the other if they have legitimate concerns in this regard. I further trust that state and local governments will either deal fairly and legally when it comes to government competition or face the real consequences of their disregard. Moreover, it is not apparent to me to what extent this is a problem and whether or not such complaints are already being appropriately addressed by state or local governments. Accordingly, I have elected to veto Senate Enrolled Act No. 29.

Best regards,



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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cc: President John Hines, Wyoming Senate
Speaker Colin Simpson, Wyoming House of Representatives
Legislators
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